

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Toyoki UE, et al.

Art Unit: 2463

Appln. No.: 10/588,820

Exr. C. CHENG

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For: SIGNALING MANAGEMENT IN DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the pending Election of Species Requirement, the Applicants hereby elect Embodiment I. Claims 1 to 6, 10 to 11, and 12 to 15 are deemed to read thereon.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be required to examine the various claims of the noted Species in the same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added)

In the present case, the search for all pending claims together would not be burdensome.

Moreover, from the standpoint of costs to the Applicants involved in filing, issuance and maintenance fees relating to separate applications if the present Election of Species Requirement is